**Research News over the holiday period**
This is the last fortnightly Research News for 2023. The fortnightly editions will resume from 15th January 2024. Hopefully, everyone has a chance for a restful holiday break in the next few weeks.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!

**End of year cut off dates**
Please refer [here](#) for information regarding deadlines for processing of contracts within Research and Enterprise, including Financial deadlines and the Scholarships office.

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**Royal Society Te Apārangi Marsden Fund 2024 - NEW**

The Royal Society Te Apārangi Marsden 2024 Expression of Interest [Guidelines for Fast-Start and Standard](#) applications are now available.

**Important Dates:**
- Draft Proposals to Research Advisor by 5th February 2024
- Final Proposals to Research Advisor by 12th February 2024

Applicants need to be registered on the Marsden portal to be able to access the application forms.

**To register:**
- If you want a Standard registration, please email your name and department to [research@otago.ac.nz](mailto:research@otago.ac.nz). (For UoW researchers, please contact Christine directly at [christine.groves@otago.ac.nz](mailto:christine.groves@otago.ac.nz). The Research Office will register your details on the Marsden portal and email your personal logon details and instructions to you.

- If you want a Fast Start Registration, please contact your Research Advisor as you will need to provide confirmation that you are a permanent staff member or get HOD/PVC approval (a template will be provided by your Research Advisor) before you can be registered on the portal.
Important changes for 2024
Please refer to the Guidelines for Fast-Start and Standard

- Narrative CV trial for Fast-Start applicants (a template is available [here](#) and further information is available [here](#))
- Guidance given for EOI formatting breaches.
- Guidance given around the use of generative AI
- Wording updated on proposal declarations.
- Guidance given for Fast-Start eligibility breaches.
- COVID-19: The guidelines and timetable have been written as if the 2024 round will proceed as normal. However, assessment processes may need to change at short notice in order to respond quickly to a rapidly evolving situation. Research offices and applicants will be notified if there are any changes to the assessment round. Any COVID-related changes will also be posted on the Royal Society Te Apārangi website

Marsden Virtual Roadshow & upcoming Zoom Q&A sessions

The Marsden virtual roadshow presentation is now available as a video on the Royal Society Te Apārangi website, with information about how to apply for Marsden in 2024, along with the slideshow presentation as a pdf, and registration details for the Q&A sessions.

There are several Zoom Q&A sessions on how to apply to the Marsden fund in 2024. The first two are open to all researchers, whilst the third will be geared to Fast-Start applicants.

Q&A dates and times are as follows
Tuesday 12th December 2023, 11.30am-12.30pm, [registration](#)
Thursday 14th December 2023, 1-2 pm, [registration](#)
Monday 18th December, 11-12 noon, for Fast-Start applicants, [registration](#)

Numbers are capped, but if people can’t sign up, you are encouraged to join another session.

Royal Society Te Apārangi will collect questions on the day via the Zoom chat function, and respond to those, but if people want to send in questions ahead of time they can email Rachel.Averill@royalsociety.org.nz
It would be helpful if people who attend have watched the video beforehand.

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New University of Otago Research Themes round

The University of Otago Research Committee will be calling for expressions of interest for new University of Otago research themes before the end of the year.

Following feedback from Senate and the research community about Pae Tata implementation (particularly related to University research strengths and aspirations) this will be an open call, but with some information to be gathered around how proposals might feed into key University strategic frameworks and areas of research strength in the University.

If you would like to apply to this round, please refer to the [University of Otago Research Centres, Research Themes and Research Networks Policy](#) for detailed information about research themes, including funding amounts and terms. A formal call for expressions of interest will be circulated shortly.
**Horizon Europe**
Recently the European Commission and New Zealand signed an association agreement on the participation of New Zealand to Horizon Europe, the EU’s research, and innovation programme. This means that researchers and organisations in NZ will be able to participate in Pillar II of the programme, which is primarily focused on shared global challenges in climate, energy, mobility, digital, industry and space, health, and more. NZ researchers and organisations will collaborate in the programme on equal terms with entities from the EU Member States and will have access to Horizon Europe funding and networks of researchers in Europe and beyond aimed to tackle global challenges.
Read more about New Zealand joining Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme in the press release [here](#) and MBIE information [here](#). See [here](#) for National Contact Points

See forthcoming and open grants [here](#). If you are interested in any of the calls or already involved in a consortium, please talk with your [Research Advisor](#) as soon as possible.

**Crowdhelix – NEW**
The University has recently acquired a subscription to Crowdhelix, an innovative platform designed to foster collaborative partnerships. If you are interested in creating a profile on the platform, please contact Kosta Tabakakis (Research Adviser; [kosta.tabakakis@otago.ac.nz](mailto:kosta.tabakakis@otago.ac.nz)), who will facilitate your access to the platform.

The Crowdhelix platform will facilitate collaborations with a global network of over 680 renowned international Universities and innovative companies.

**The platform offers various benefits:**
- **Horizon Europe** - Members can seek expertise for their new project or offer their expertise to join consortia applying to specific calls.
- **Join thematic communities** - You can join and exchange with other members grouped around thematic areas called ‘Helixes’. They span across a large spectrum of disciplines including Humanities.
- **Open innovation** - The platform also offers open innovation opportunities where industry seek expertise.
- **Communication of your exploitable results** - If your research led to exploitable results, you can share this information on the platform to attract the attention of the industrial sector.

**Find Collaborators options**
Choose from one of two options:
1. Seeking collaborators for a new project or to join a funding proposal.
2. Seeking collaborators for an existing project or to join an ongoing collaboration

**Cancer Society grants and new portal - updated**
The Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc have announced their National Research Grant round for 2024. In this round, Post-doctoral Fellowships, PhD Scholarships and 5-year Programme Grant will be offered. Please refer to the Funding Opportunities Calendar for the first of the internal due dates and guidelines.

Applications will be completed on the Cancer Society of New Zealand’s new [grant portal](#). You can now add collaborators to your grant so that your Research Advisor can have organisational oversight of your application. Please refer [here](#) for instructions to add a collaborator. Please make sure you select University of Otago Research Office as the collaborator, which will then show your application on our login.

If you wish to apply for any of the Cancer Society of New Zealand opportunities, please contact your [Research Advisor](#).
Heart Foundation new portal and 2024 grants - NEW
Starting December 2023 all funding applications for Heart Foundation will be managed via their new online portal, Heart Foundation Research Grants on Enquire (Heartnz). The Heart Foundation have created an “applicant overview” document available here.

Please note that current and historic Heart Foundation applications and grant records will continue to be available via the current Heart Foundation portal.

Further information about funding rounds for 2024 can be found in the Funding Opportunities calendar and more opportunities will be added closer to the due dates.

Fulbright New Zealand
Fulbright NZ offers a variety of awards throughout the year, some of these awards are in conjunction with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga. Awards will be advertised below in due course. Professor Phil Bremer is the Fulbright New Zealand Campus Advisor for the University of Otago; should you wish to seek further information please find Phil’s contact details here.

2024 AINSE Pathway Scholarship - updated
Eligible students from AINSE Member Institutions who will be enrolled in an honours degree (final year), OR a Masters by coursework + thesis degree for some period between 1st January 2024 and 31st March 2024 can now apply for the new 2024 Pathway Scholarship. The Pathway Scholarship replaces the previous Honours Scholarship, and expands that offering to include ALL students enrolled in any Masters degree. Students must complete the online application form through the new AINSE Grants Portal. Applications close 15 March 2024.

PhD students – The AINSE Postgraduate Research Award will open in February 2024.

Women’s Cardiovascular Health Initiative: Request for Information - NEW
The Global Cardiovascular Research Funders Forum (GCRFF) aims to advance global cardiovascular health by supporting transformative research in heart, stroke, and circulatory diseases. To identify urgent research needs for women’s cardiovascular health, the GCRFF is requesting information from the international research community. Submissions received will inform research priorities and funding opportunities, including collaborations, and building international networks. Researchers are encouraged to complete the request for information, consisting of eight short answer questions, to contribute to shaping future funding priorities. The last day to submit your response is 15 January 2024. See the HRC Update for further information.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES from Week Commencing 11 December 2023

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ONLINE APPLICATIONS Where applications are to be submitted through an online portal, please note that a signed CCW still needs to be submitted to your Research Advisor by the due date detailed below.

DUE DATE (Internal Deadline): Deadline, for Dunedin Researchers, for the final signed hard copies of the Application and Costings and Consents Worksheet (CCW) to be received by your Research Advisor. Register your interest in a fund with your Research Advisor, who can assist you in the development of these documents, in the weeks prior to the DUE DATE.

University of Otago, Christchurch Researchers: To confirm your ‘Due Date’ please contact
EJ Sinclair, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch - ej.sinclair@otago.ac.nz
Suzanne Benjes, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – suzanne.benjes@otago.ac.nz
Ian Cooke, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch - ian.cooke@otago.ac.nz
Kosta Tabakakis, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Christchurch – Medicine Department re.research.uoc@otago.ac.nz (Please note Kosta is working remotely based in the UK time zone. Hence correspondence from Kosta will be outside the normal NZ working hours. Hours (NZ time): Tues 8.00pm – Wed 4.00am; Wed 12.00am – Thurs 4.00am; Fri 8.00pm – Sat 4.00am

University of Otago, Wellington Researchers: to confirm your ‘Due Date’ please contact
Christine Groves, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Wellington - christine.groves@otago.ac.nz
Nina Barton, Research Advisor, University of Otago, Wellington – nina.barton@otago.ac.nz

Please note, internal due date advertised below may differ for University of Otago, Wellington, and University of Otago Christchurch researchers. Please liaise with your respective Research Advisors for further clarification.

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|     | TC   | Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust | • Travel  
• Conference | 22-Feb-2024 |
|     | RE   | Otago Museum Trust Board | Otago Science into Action Participatory Science Platform – Project Register here before submitting an application | 29-Feb-2024 |
|     | NEW  | National Heart Foundation of NZ | Travel Grant | 7-Mar-2024 |

### Recurring Funding Opportunities

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| RE  | RE   | Otago Science into Action | Otago Participatory Science Platform – Seed Funding  
NB: aim to apply before 8th March 2024, as funder cannot guarantee the availability of seed funding round after this date | Anytime |
| RE  | RE   | Rule Foundation | Research Grants | Anytime |
| RE  | RE   | Southland Medical Foundation | Research Grants | Anytime |
| RE  | RE   | Science and Engineering Research Board India | Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty Scheme (VAJRA)  
(Adjunct/visiting faculty positions in Indian Institutions) | Anytime  
(Considered twice a year in January & July) |
| RE  | RE   | The Association of Commonwealth Universities | Various Opportunities | As indicated on ACU grant Calendar |

If you have any queries or would like further information regarding any of these Funding Opportunities, please contact your Research Advisor. Our contact details are available on the Research and Enterprise Website.

**Research News and Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING RESEARCH FUNDING AT OTAGO**
When you need to contact us
Staff are reminded that every application for external research funding must come through Research and Enterprise, via your Research Advisor. If you are not sure, please call and we will be able to advise you. All grant applications and proposals should be submitted by academic staff. Please inform your Research Advisor if you intend to apply as Principal Investigator for any contestable funding, whether advertised here or not, at the beginning of the development of your application. The same situation exists if you have been approached by researchers at another institution/organisation to collaborate on a funding proposal where Otago is not the lead institution and/or is not submitting the proposal.

Costings and Consents Worksheet – Please use the latest version on website
A UoO Costings and Consents Worksheet (CCW) is required for all applications, signed by the applicant, their Head of Department/Resource Centre and their Dean/PVC, in accordance with University policy on externally funded research. You can download the latest version of our CCW here. For advice on the use of the CCW to develop costings for your project, please contact your Research Advisor.

Requirement for Field of Research (FOR) and Socio-Economic Objective (SEO) codes
It is now a requirement that Universities report to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on FOR and SEO codes for all research and commercial projects. These codes must be entered in the relevant section of the costing and consent worksheet. A maximum of three codes can be selected for each category and percentages should be in blocks of 10. A full list of the codes is included in the electronic version of the ccw. Please talk to your Research Advisor or Business Development Manager if you have any queries regarding these.

The UoO Policy Document on Externally Funded Research, which outlines both the need for and the usage of the CCW, can be viewed here.

Panui Rangahau Māori – Māori Research Consultation Update
This message clarifies that The Ngāi Tahu Research Consultation Committee is not being disestablished. The University is providing new roles alongside existing support through the Research and Enterprise Office which will support researchers in developing your research ideas.

As many may be aware the Ngāi Tahu Research Consultation Committee (NTRCC) is experiencing significant delay due to continuing support staff shortages. Unfortunately, this has yet to be resolved.

The recommended course of action for researchers is to continue to submit to NTRCC as usual. Working within your divisions and department, work with your Research Advisors (who are there to help) to develop your Vision Mātauranga Policy statements and progress developing your ideas toward ethics approval. Document your thoughts regarding VM, relevance to Māori, and pathways to impact on society, this is all valuable thinking even in early stages.

Your Research Advisors will be able to provide support in the first instance or may choose to escalate if necessary. Please note Christchurch researchers MUST email maoriresearchconsult.uoc@otago.ac.nz, see here for further information, as the process is different for Christchurch staff and students.

Ethics and Regulatory Consents
The University requires that any research involving human participants and/or animals is conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards. Where appropriate, compliance includes ethical approval from the relevant ethics committee. Please refer to our Ethics and Regulatory Consents webpage for further information.

Checklist for submitting grant proposals
Remember to include:
- **Copy of the application** (signed by applicant, and HoD/Dean if requested by funder)
- **University of Otago Costing & Consents Worksheet (CCW)** (signed by applicant, HoD and Dean/PVC)
• Evidence of Māori Research Consultation
• Ethical / Regulatory approvals (if required and already approved)

Research and Enterprise then obtains the authorised signature of the University for you (if required), copies the application, and sends it to the funding body by the due date.

Contact Details for the Research Advisor Team
For further information, advice, and assistance regarding anything to do with contestable research funding, please contact the Research Advisor for your Division/Department:

Contact Details for General Enquiries
Dunedin Research Office: research@otago.ac.nz
Fiona Seaton (Research Committee) – ph (03) 479 5967
Sharon Helm – ph (03) 479 8448
Nikki Shaw – ph (03) 479 5294
Sarah-Jane Robertson – ph (03) 479 9093
Melanie Adams – ph (03) 479 8468
Jess King - ph (03) 479 8413
Tegan Ferrier – ph (03) 479 8438
Laura Childs – ph (03) 556 8489

Christchurch Research Office:
Sarah-Jane Best - 03 364 1133

Wellington Research Office:
Beck O’Shaughnessy – ph (04) 918 6552

Administrative Details
Extension and Closure of Research Accounts – Notice to all Departments

Extensions - All requests for an extension should be done before the end date of the contract. Researchers will need to contact their Research Advisor or Business Development Manager in the first instance. This process replaces all previous notifications by Research and Enterprise. Research Finance Administrators, Research and Enterprise - Email: research.finance@otago.ac.nz

Closures - In order to help speed up the closure process of Research Projects, Research and Enterprise has provided a copy of the “Research Project Closure form” at link. This form can also be found on F1 under the chart enquiry screen.

Finance Associates in each department need to download and complete this form for each account that is to be closed and save it down into the relevant CLOSURE FORMS folder accordance with the instructions issued by Research Finance. Research Finance will action any journals for surpluses or deficits and organise credit notes for the return of surplus funds where applicable. Research Finance will also close the accounts in REDs and Finance One.

Closure Form for Internally Funded Research Grants:
A form has been created and placed on the Research and Enterprise webpage - link
The sole purpose of this form is to instigate the closure and repayment of overspends within Internally Funded Research Grants (R accounts - University of Otago Research Committee funded grants).
University of Otago Bridging Scheme Register and Continuation of Research Achievement Grant (CRAG) for External-Grant-Funded Research-Only Staff

University of Otago Research Committee has introduced a Bridging Scheme to provide a mechanism to protect the continued contributions of Research-Only Principal Investigators. Further information regarding application for membership can be found here.

The Continuation of Research Achievement Grant (CRAG) has also been introduced to support highly productive research leaders within the University in the event of significant grant failure. It is linked to the Bridging Scheme (see above) but also applies to academic staff with confirmed appointments. Application Forms and Guidelines can be found here.

Accounts Receivable Account Application Form (Research Funder):

The current Accounts Receivable Account Application Form (Research Funder) can be downloaded here.